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Coffee County BOE receives update on bus safety measures

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, March 6, superintendent Kelly Cobb announced that New Brockton Elementary earned a math coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

"We will be interviewing for that in the next few weeks," she said.

Also, Cobb said Zion Chapel received an Art Grant in the amount of \$20,000, and she said the locker rooms at Zion Chapel High School had been completed.

"The Kinston project is progressing nicely," Cobb said. "The current focus is preparing the grounds for the storm shelter."

With an update about safety measures on all school busses, Cobb said all Coffee County buses are now equipped with emergency radios. These radios allow all bus drivers to communicate instantly with all campus administrators and dispatch, which is located at the bus shop.

"All front offices at each campus are now equipped with an emergency

radio base station," she said. "These base stations allow for instant communication with all buses in our fleet as well as the dispatch."

Also, the superintendent said portable emergency radios had been issued to all campus administrators (principals), all transportation staff, and the superintendent. These portable radios allow for a priority scan feature that enhances communication between all bus drivers and district and building-level administrators.

"Our radio frequencies and channels have been shared with local law enforcement to allow for timely emergency response by all first responders," Cobb said. "All Coffee County School buses are now equipped with GPS tracking systems. All transportation staff and building-level admins can receive real-time location data on all buses through the Southwinds mobile app."

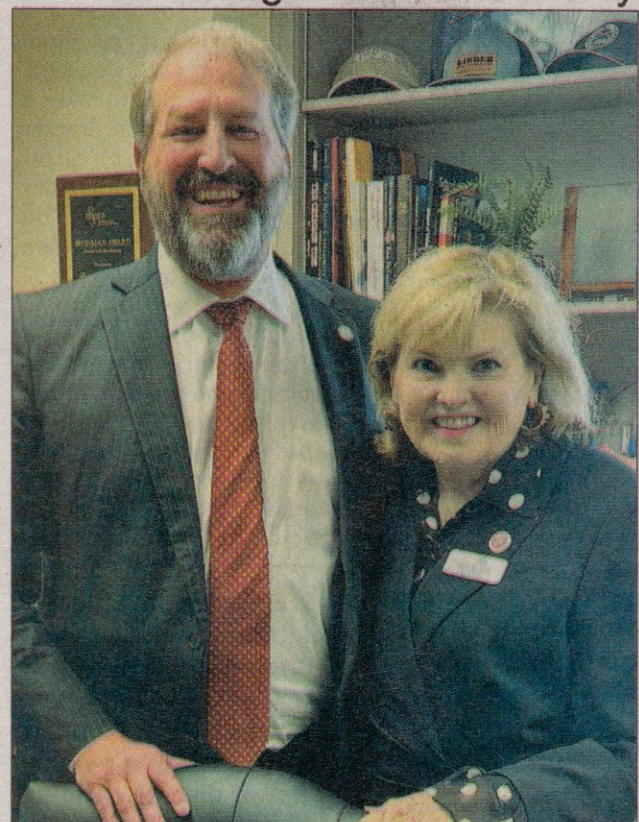
The next Coffee County BOE meeting will be Thursday, April 3rd.

Alabama Chambers host inaugural Chamber Day

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Main Street traveled to Montgomery on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, for the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama (Alabama Chambers) inaugural Chamber Day at the Capitol. Elba's Sandy Williams and Gappa Wise joined over 125 chamber professionals, volunteer leaders, and community leaders from 40 chambers of commerce for this pivotal event that brought together key stakeholders to engage with Alabama's legislative leaders and discuss the important issues shaping the future of the state.

Chamber Day at the Capitol featured addresses from prominent state lawmakers, providing insight into the legislative priorities and initiatives of this year's legislative session. Following presentations from Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth, Senate Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, and Speaker of the House Nathaniel Ledbetter, Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama President & CEO and former state representative Kyle South led an enlightening discussion with House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels and Senator Josh Carnley. Attendees then adjourned to visit delegates at the Alabama State House for an opportunity to interact directly with lawmakers and gain a better understanding of the policy decisions that impact local businesses and communities across Alabama. The day ended with an opportunity to hear from Governor Kay Ivey at the Alabama State Capitol.

"Chamber Day at the Capitol provided an invaluable opportunity for Elba Councilman Wise and me to directly engage with our legislators Senator Josh Carnley and Representative Rhett Marques to advocate for the needs of our businesses and our community," stated Elba Chamber President and CEO Sandy Williams. "We were thrilled



Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams with State Representative Rhett Marques during last week's Chamber Day in Montgomery, Ala.

to be part of such a significant event, alongside fellow chamber leaders from across Alabama, and we look forward to continuing these important conversations."

"We were excited to launch the first-ever Chamber Day at the Capitol and bring our state's chambers of commerce together in one place," said Alabama Chambers Chairwoman of the Board, Anna Hovey, president and CEO of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. "This event provided an invaluable opportunity for collaboration between chamber leaders and our legislative body to advocate for policies that support economic growth, job creation, and the overall prosperity of Alabama."

"Our association represents the 100 chambers of commerce across Alabama covering almost every part of the state which are led by over 1600 staff and volunteer leaders representing over 40,000 businesses and organizations. We were proud to bring some



The newly crowned 2025 Miss Coffee County Queens were recognized Monday morning, March 10, at the Coffee County Commission meeting in New Brockton. Pageant coordinator, Ashley Merritt, introduced the queens to commissioners. She said the Coffee County Pageants are sponsored by the New Brockton Service League and funds made from the pageants are used for service projects in the community. Commissioners presented each queen with a Coffee County pin to proudly display on her sash this year. Each commissioner also personally congratulated the queens on winning the pageants. The queens are pictured above with Coffee County Commissioners. Those pictured include (front) Miss Coffee County Taylor Day, Future Little Miss Coffee County Ryleigh Gilley, Little Miss Coffee County Rosemary Walters, Petite Miss Coffee County Lainey Bess Owsley, Junior Miss Coffee County Emmy Kate Poss, and Teen Miss Coffee County Kendall Gates; and (back) Coffee County Commissioners Jim Thompson, Sonny Moore, Al Miller, Joey Powell, Clint Grantham, and Kim Ellis.

NBPD searching for owners of firearms in evidence storage

The New Brockton Police Department has announced it has 29 functioning firearms in the department's evidence storage that it would like to trade for the purchase of new equipment for the department. Many of these firearms do not have a case number or other identifying information. Therefore, the department is advertising that it has the firearms available to be claimed before Thursday, March 27, 2025. If no one claims any of the items before that date, the department will trade the firearms for new equipment for the department's officer, according to New Brockton Police investigator Jeremy Thomas.

"We will not relinquish any firearm to an individual without some sort of proof of ownership. A sales receipt or other form of ownership must be provided to claim any of these products," Thomas said.

For more information, call the New Brockton Police Department and ask to speak to Investigator Jeremy Thomas or Chief Dale Grimes.

Elba's Christina Morgan receives "Spirit of Advising" award

During last week's state FCCLA leadership conference, Elba Career Academy director Christina Morgan received a special award that she said she was shocked, humbled and honored to receive.

The "Spirit of Advising" Award recognizes a chapter adviser who is constantly faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of his/her students, and believes in the mission of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

State Advisers should consider the following qualities in advisers when making their nomination:

- Believes in the mission of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America;
- Supports and works with students to ensure student success;
- Provides learning experiences;
- Encourages positive character development;
- Dedicates time and energy to nurturing student leaders;
- Serves as a current FCCLA adviser.

"This organization has been such a meaningful part of my life because of the incredible students, experiences, and lessons it brings. FCCLA empowers young leaders to grow in their families, careers, and communities, and I am grateful every day to be part of that journey," Morgan said. "Watching students discover their potential, develop leadership skills, and make a real impact is why I do what I do. Thank you, FCCLA, for this honor and for the difference you make in so many lives!"



Elba FCCLA advisor Christina Morgan (left) accepts the Spirit of Advising award from Elba's Keelie Moseley, who served this past year as a state FCCLA officer.

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EDITORIAL

Safety Rules for “Think Smart Before You Start” Spring Break 2025

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is kicking off its fifth annual “Think Smart Before You Start Spring Break” campaign, a statewide initiative aimed at promoting safety and smart decision-making for all citizens during the popular spring break season. This proactive campaign is especially focused on teens and college students, reminding them to make responsible choices that prioritize safety.

As part of the campaign, ALEA will be increasing patrols throughout Alabama’s roadways to ensure safe travel. With many heading to Alabama’s beaches and vacation destinations, ALEA Troopers will focus on the enforcement of traffic laws, seat belt usage, and deterrence of dangerous driving

behaviors, such as speeding, distracted driving, and driving while impaired.

“Spring break is a time for fun and relaxation, but it is crucial that we remember safety should always be a top priority,” said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. “We are reminding drivers, especially young drivers, to think smart before they hit the road. Whether you’re traveling to your destination or spending time at the beach, we want to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable spring break.”

For the fourth year, ALEA is assisting with beach safety. ALEA’s Aviation Unit will once again conduct the “Rescue Swimmer Detail,” utilizing the Agency’s helicopter to rapidly deploy life-guards from the cities of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores to swimmers in distress in the Gulf. Thanks

to additional funding secured by Senator Chris Elliott in 2024, the detail will not only operate during peak spring break periods, but also when strong rip currents are forecasted throughout the spring and summer months. This added measure ensures that help is just a moment away for those enjoying Alabama’s beautiful coastline.

“Rescue swimmers, along with our Aviation Unit, are ready to act quickly in the event of an emergency,” said Lt. Jeremy Burkett, Director of ALEA’s Administrative Bureau. “With the Gulf Coast’s beautiful but sometimes unpredictable waters, we encourage everyone to swim safely, and heed all posted warnings. However, if you find yourself in trouble, we’ll be there as fast as we can.”

Safety Rules for Spring Break 2025:

- **Buckle Up for Safety:** Don’t forget to click it before you hit the road on your way to the beach! Seat belts save lives, no matter how short the trip.

- **Speeding Isn’t Worth the Risk:** Keep the pedal to the speed limit—faster doesn’t mean better.

- **Distracted Driving Destroys Lives:** Put the phone down and focus on the road. Your text can wait, but your safety can’t.

- **Impaired Driving is Never Okay:** Whether it’s alcohol or other substances that impair, don’t drive under the influence. Plan a safe ride home.

- **Plan Ahead, Stay Safe:** Have a designated driver or use a ride-share service when going out, and always let someone know where you’ll be.

- **Know Your Limits at the Beach:** Stay hydrated, swim with a buddy, and always follow lifeguard instructions. Check surf and swimming conditions and know the different flag warnings while visiting the beach.

ALEA urges everyone to take responsibility for their actions—both on the road and at the beach. With a little planning and smart choices, everyone can enjoy a fun and safe spring break.

ALEA is committed to providing excellence in public safety and law enforcement throughout the state. ALEA works to protect citizens through proactive traffic enforcement, crime prevention, and responding to emergencies. The agency’s dedicated professionals work around the clock to ensure the safety of Alabama residents and visitors.

For more information about Alabama’s traffic safety and boater safety programs, visit www.alea.gov.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox was able to provide “something” of an update regarding the status for reopening the Coffee County Lake earlier this week. During the Elba City Council meeting, Mayor Maddox said he had been in a discussion with Coffee County administrator Rod Morgan, and Morgan indicated to him that the county is making some headway to getting the popular fishing lake reopened. He said Morgan indicated the county had offered “for training purposes” an opportunity for the Elba Volunteer Fire Department to oversee the burning of some old buildings on the lake property. After that happens, he said the county might look at bringing in some type of temporary building to operate as an office for taking payments for fishing, etc. until a more permanent office/bait shop could be constructed. The update did not provide any idea on exactly “when” the Coffee County Lake might be reopened, but it did offer a little more information on the matter at least pointing in the direction that officials are working to get the lake open to the public again.

Both the Elba and Jack communities will be holding beauty pageants this upcoming Saturday. This is always an exciting time for the young ladies that want to be crowned a Miss Elba or Miss Zion Chapel. We have contestant headshots for those pageants in today’s paper, and we offer a big ‘ole “Good Luck” to all those participating..win or not, we hope each young lady simply has loads of fun!

As we are writing this column for the week, the weather predictors are saying there could be some severe weather over the upcoming weekend. The early predictions have been that we could be in a 3 out of 5 risk for the severe weather Saturday night leading into Sunday morning. Of course, Tuesday afternoon is still too early to really know what will happen weather-wise over the weekend, but we encourage our readers to pay close attention to the weather over the next few days. If we do see bad weather locally, be sure to be prepared and have a way to keep informed by those sending out alerts. Our opinion is it is always better to be prepared and not need it than to not prepare and regret that later!



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Things at the Yonder Gang's house have been pretty routine lately, but there is always a tale to be shared!

Cuzin Lou Lou, Sister, and Papa needed to go shopping at Sam's last weekend, and they decided to make a stop beforehand at Cracker Barrel for brunch. Sister and Papa elected to order breakfast while Lou Lou decided to go with chicken 'n dumplings and veggies.

Sister's favorite thing about the breakfast foods is the country ham and biscuits so she made sure her breakfast included both of those. Everything was going perfect until the waitress announced that the biscuits would be delivered to the

table later than the other food items.

Trying to be patient, Sister ate slowly on the other items on the plate so she could wait to enjoy her ham inside a fresh biscuit. That patience was just about to wear out when the basket of biscuits made it to the table.

Lou Lou let off a big sigh of relief knowing that if those biscuits had been much longer the whole day would have been ruined, and dealing with Sister would have been pure torture the rest of the day!

Thank goodness for perfect timing, and ham and biscuits!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Brightspeed Fiber Internet and their Day Brightener Tour, which includes a Volkswagen truck that has been modified into a mobile flower display, will be at JJ's BBQ in Elba on Friday, March 14, a

Tour staff will be handing out free flowers to brighten people's day.

Attend the Church of Your Choice This and Every Sunday!

RWCC meeting set for March 19

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy.

Two January 6'ers—Russell Alford of Hokes Bluff, Ala., and Anthony Mazzio from Midland City, will be the luncheon guest speakers. They will share their story of what happened to them on Jan. 6, 2021, and their subsequent federal im-

prisonment.

The doors open at 11; an optional \$17 buffet starts at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Please RSVP no later than Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m., to Pam at email: rwcclunchreservations@gmail.com. Please indicate if planning to eat. For more information, call Pam at 334-806-8888.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, March 4, 2025, through Monday, March 10, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center—

Tuesday, Mar. 4 — Burglary reported at 723 Williams Ave S (8:36 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at Hwy 125 and Smith Ave (9:49 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1621 Claxton Ave N (12:03 p.m.); Vehicle

accident reported at 911 Farris Ave (12:32 p.m.); Grass fire reported at 137 Putnam St (3:28 p.m.); Powerline/Electrical fire reported at 1032 Morrow Ave (3:41 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 10628 Hwy 134 (6:37 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 21120 Hwy 87 (7:44 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 84 and Davis St E (8:48 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 12931 Hwy 84 (9:28 p.m.); Thirteen traffic stops resulted in two verbal

warnings, six written warnings, and five citations.

Wednesday, Mar. 5 — Suspicious person reported at 1250 Claxton Ave N (1:05 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (3:15 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1005 Neil Grantham Dr (3:40 p.m.); Four traffic stops resulted in one warrant served, two arrests, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Mar. 6 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 823 Scott Dr (2:03 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 400 Reddoch Hill Rd (2:18 a.m.); Grass fire reported at Hwy 87 and County Rd 342 (1:20 p.m.); Lost/Found Property reported at 1584 Caroline St (3:16 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 441 Tiger Dr (7:55 p.m.); Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Friday, Mar. 7 — Reckless driver reported at 820 Williams Ave (11:12 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 613 Lee St (3:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1203 Caroline St (6:39 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Taylor Ave (8:47 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 617 Kendrick St (10:34 p.m.); Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one written warning, and

one citation.

Saturday, Mar. 8 — Vehicle accident reported at 219 Old Samson Rd (3:43 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 632 Claxton Ave N — w/arrest (4:59 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 702 Newton St (12:04 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 617 Kendrick St (1:29 p.m.); Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Sunday, Mar. 9 — Theft of property reported at 617 Kendrick St (9:37 a.m.); Burglary reported at 21120 Hwy 87 (2:15 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (7:27 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 839 Troy Hwy (10:34 p.m.); Five traffic stops resulted in one arrest and four verbal warnings.

Monday, Mar. 10 — Suspicious person reported on Forest Lake Dr and Highland Dr (11:43 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Troy Hwy (1:50 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 1115 Deal St (4:11 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 4280 Hwy 125 (9:08 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (9:45 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:04 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (11:59 p.m.); One traffic stop resulted in an arrest.

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The Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Meeting will be Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. This is open to all.



Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1967 and Friends met Tuesday, March 11, at Annie's Comfort Kitchen in Elba for lunch and fellowship. The classmates try to get together often to enjoy a meal and catch up with one another. Those attending this week's gathering were (around the table from left): Al English, Bobby Edmondson, Larry Sanders, Jerry and Judy Brown, Dr. Sam Faulk, Kenneth Farris, Billy Faulk, Kenneth Barlow, Hayward Boutwell, and John Lawless. Also present but not pictured was Randle Hodge.



Members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 met Tuesday, March 11, at Ms Linda's in Elba for Class Breakfast, and everyone enjoyed a great breakfast and fellowship together. The group gossiped about one another and fellow classmates, who didn't attend. The class members and friends enjoying the gathering were (L to R): Jerry Brown, Bobby Edmondson, John Lawless, Terry Calhoun, Neal Hutto, Harry Young, Jackey Tindol, David Blackmon, Jerome Blackmon, Kenneth Baker, Sara Warr Strong, Butch Oggs, Eddie Thompson, Judy Galimore Brown, and Merrill Shirley. The picture was taken by Linda Harrison, owner of Ms. Linda's restaurant.

Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen urges DHS to improve citizenship verification for voter registration

Wes Allen, Alabama's Secretary of State, has joined 20 other conservative Secretaries of State in writing to the Trump-appointed Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem, requesting that needed improvements to the Systematic Alien Verifications for Entitlements (SAVE) program become a priority of her administration. SAVE is a service provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services branch of the Department of Homeland Security and used by state and local governments to verify noncitizen status for individuals applying for social benefits. However, due to past guidance from the federal government and structural inadequacies, it is difficult to verify citizenship for voting purposes using the SAVE database.

"Ensuring noncitizens are prevented from registering to vote or voting in our elections is a top priority for Alabama. I have a zero-tolerance policy for noncitizens voting in Alabama's elections. Fortifying states' tools to verify the citizenship of those attempting to register and/or registered to vote is a critical objective for me and my colleagues," Allen said.

Last year, Secretary Allen's stance on noncitizen voting led to an invitation from Senator Katie Britt to testify before the United States Senate Committee on

Rules.

"In my testimony before the United States Senate, I recounted my Office's efforts to obtain noncitizen data from the federal government, which were blocked by the Biden

administration," Allen explained.

View Secretary Allen's testimony before the United States Senate: <https://www.rules.senate.gov/hearings/03/05/2024/administration-of-upcoming-elections>.

Read the letter here: <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/press/Final%20Jt.%20SoS%20SAVE%20Letter.pdf>.

Wes Allen is Alabama's 54th Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is Alabama's Chief Elections Official. Additionally, Alabama law gives the Secretary of State more than 1,000 different duties. To learn more about the Secretary of State and his responsibilities and duties visit www.sos.alabama.gov.

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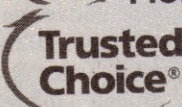
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Gladys Wright 3/9
Melissa Margo Kelley 3/9
Jerry McMillian 3/12
Tammy Tillis 3/13
Ashley C. Thomas 3/13
Michael A Smith (Smitty) 3/14
Denise Hardwick 3/15
Marion/Joyce S. Jones 3/15
W.A.
Freddie Robinson 3/16
Mark Whitfield 3/16

New Strength

John Jones was a self-made man. By hard work, Enterprise, and favorable conditions he created a small business empire. Wealth, recognition, and honor were his, along with complete confidence in his own ability. One of his favorite sayings was "I don't fear God, man, or the devil. I am the master of myself and create my own destiny." John was proud and boastful as well as successful. Then disaster struck. His wife was killed in an accident. His son got "hooked" on drugs. His daughter ran away from home and defied attempts to bring her back. John, who feared nothing and believed he could handle anything, could not cope. A moderate social drinker, he soon became an alcoholic, trying to drown his troubles. His empire began to fall apart. He was thinking of suicide as the only way out. A Christian friend

took John to a men's dinner at his church. There he heard the good news that Jesus special-izes in impossible situations, John completely surrendered his life to the Lord. He turned from self-reliance to being "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." It was a long battle, but John became whole for the first time. He learned that there are forces we cannot overcome, but God can.

_W.P.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the 3-13-2025

Multiple Choice
(Q) Where did the contest between Elijah and the Prophets of Baal take place? (Shechem) (Bethel) (Mt. Carmel)
(A) Mt. Carmel - 1 Kings 18:24
(Q) The Prophets of Baal and Elijah each were to offer a sacrifice on different altars, and the God who answered by (Rain) (Sleet) (Fire) would show himself to be the true God.
(A) Fire - 1 Kings 18:24

Thought to Remember

When we Pray, God sometimes says, "Be patient. Wait awhile."

Questions for the Week of 3-20-2025

Fill in the Blanks

(Q) Micah pictures a man of Judah asking if God would be pleased with thousands of _____ or ten thousands of rivers of _____.
(Q) Micah said that the Lord required of man to do _____, and to Love _____, and to walk _____ with his God.

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The Unique Needs of Widowers

While women and men both feel grief over the loss of a spouse, widowers often have a unique set of needs. This typically stems from the fact that while a woman may have many friends she can lean on following the loss of a spouse, a man may have lost his best friend and closest companion all at once.

Perhaps the saying "Women mourn - men replace" has its roots in intense loneliness caused by a lack of previously established close friendships. It has been frequently asked whether a widower would be as driven to hurriedly replace his wife and best friend if he had someone with whom he could share his grief.

Men face unique problems as widowers. Many of their everyday needs were probably provided by a wife. Because they are not as likely to be able to take care of themselves as widows, their health and well-being can be severely affected.

Widowers may be immersed in feelings they never knew existed and may exhibit painful physical and psychological symptoms. Because women are more frequently the primary caregiver to children, men may face changes in their relationship with their children, resulting in feelings of isolation.

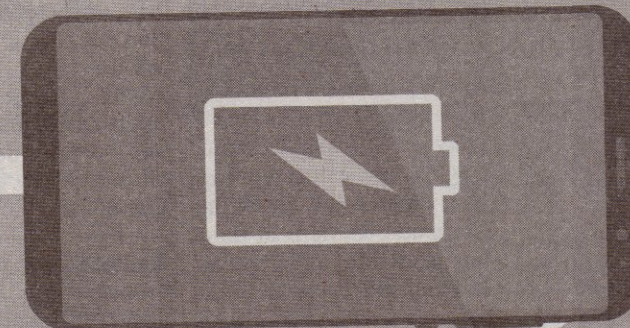
Because of their unique needs, widowers, particularly those who lack close friends and family with whom they can talk about their loss and grief, are urged to attend support group meetings or find a counselor with whom they can share their feelings.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELBA HOLLINGHEAD, Deceased.
Case No. PR-2024-198

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jennifer Jackson as Administrator of the Estate of Melba Hollinghead, deceased, on the 24th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Sidney Allen Brannon, Deceased
Case No. 25-0019

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Nathan Allen Brannon, Executor (Personal Representative,) on the 6th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Benny Frank Strawder, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-025

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Ronald Strawder, Personal Representative, on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 19th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE MATTER OF: Joe C. Cassidy, Jr. Deceased.
Case 71-CV-2021-900047

NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Joe C. Cassidy Jr. has been filed and a hearing on said Petition for Final Settlement has been set on the 14th day of April, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom D of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division
/s/ Joe Calvin Cassidy III
Joe Calvin Cassidy, Jr. Personal Representative of Estate
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: The Estate Of Charles Steven Locklar, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-024

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to David Locklar, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of March, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Ala-

required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Edward M. Martin
EDWARD M. MARTIN
Personal Representative of said Estate
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARGARET UNDERWOOD HALL, DECEASED
CASE NO. 25-0035

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Allen Ray Underwood on the 3rd day of March, 2025, and that 30 days after the publication hereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an Order Directing Summary Distribution of the Estate of Margaret Underwood Hall, deceased.
Done this the 4th day of March, 2025.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby Seay, Judge of Probate
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES WYATT TODD, DECEASED,

JULIA B. TODD, PETITIONER.
CASE NO. 25-0012

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of James Wyatt Todd, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on 27th day of February, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Julia B. Todd
Julia B. Todd
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF: Joe C. Cassidy, Jr. Deceased.
Case 71-CV-2021-900047

NOTICE OF HEARING
Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Joe C. Cassidy Jr. has been filed and a hearing on said Petition for Final Settlement has been set on the 14th day of April, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom D of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division
/s/ Joe Calvin Cassidy III
Joe Calvin Cassidy, Jr. Personal Representative of Estate
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: The Estate Of Charles Steven Locklar, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-024

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to David Locklar, Personal Representative, on the 5th day of March, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Ala-

bama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 5th day of March, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOREN K. DOW DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-026

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Loren K. Dow, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 5th day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Brian K. Dow
Brian K. Dow
Personal Representative of said Estate
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE L. SULLIVANT DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary, having been granted to the undersigned as Personal Representative of the Estate of Annie L. Sullivan, deceased, on the 5th day of March, 2025, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Joey Sullivan
Joey Sullivan
Personal Representative
3/13,20&27-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CATHI YVONNE FAL-LIN, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-2025-015

NOTICE OF PROBATE
Letters of Administration of the said deceased having been granted to J. Kaz Espy, on the 4th day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ J. Kaz Espy
J. Kaz Espy, Administrator

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/s/ H. Samuel Prim, III
H. Samuel Prim, III, Attorney for Administrator
3/13,20&27-pd

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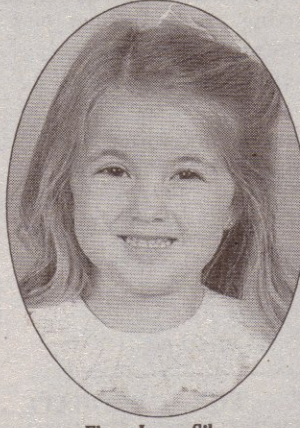
Miss Zion Chapel Pageants set for Saturday



Ellslyn Faye Carley
Future Little Miss ZC contestant



Everleigh Sage Baldwin
Future Little Miss ZC contestant



Elana James Sikes
Future Little Miss ZC contestant



Emmalyn James Hall
Future Little Miss ZC contestant



Ellamae Huntleigh Senn
Future Little Miss ZC contestant



Dusty Ever-Kay Barnes
Future Little Miss ZC contestant

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Addilyn Kate Baldwin
Little Miss ZC contestant



Mary Olivia Hodge
Little Miss ZC contestant



Piper Avery Weeks
Little Miss ZC contestant



Addie Lacelynn Barnes
Little Miss ZC contestant



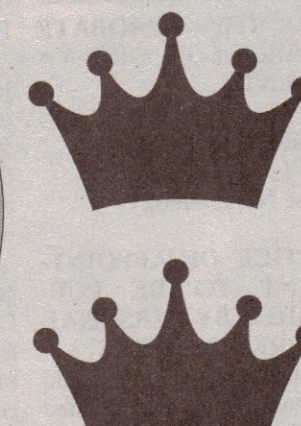
Eleanor Elizabeth Wright
Petite Miss ZC contestant



Sarah Paisley Allen
Petite Miss ZC contestant



Brynlee-Joy Peyton Stone
Petite Miss ZC contestant



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Junior Miss ZC contestant



Allison Grace Bunt
Junior Miss ZC contestant



Ashley Paige McKenzie
Miss Zion Chapel contestant



Annslea Rose Taylor
Miss Zion Chapel contestant



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Miss Zion Chapel contestant



Sophie Jane Prescott
Junior Miss ZC contestant



Adalynn Skye Cobble
Junior Miss ZC contestant

2025 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck!

We Love You!
Mama, Daddy, & Lane

Emmalyn Hall, Future Little Miss ZC contestant #4

2025 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck,
Ellie!

We Love You!!
Mom, Dad, Emma and Ensley

Ellslyn Carley, Future Little Miss contestant #1

2025 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Good Luck & Have Fun!

We Love You!
Mama, Sissy,
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Ellamae Senn, Future Little Miss contestant #5

2025 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

SHINE BRIGHT!

Love,
Mama, Daddy,
and Sister

Ellamae Senn, Future Little Miss contestant #5

2025 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

Shine Bright!

We Love You!
Aunt Jill, Uncle Larry,
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Allison Grace Bunt, Junior Miss ZC contestant #2

2025 Miss Zion Chapel Pageants

The most beautiful thing
you can wear is confidence,
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Love, Mommy,
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
Mark Lawrence Branson, Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2025-01

NOTICE

To: Virginia Frances Branson Austin
You will please that notice that on the 8th day of January, 2025, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Granting of Letters Testamentary was filed by Charles Matthew Branson, petitioner, and that the 25th day of March, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the haring of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

DONE this 11th day of February, 2025,
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
2/20,27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES HOLLAND CREWS DECEASED.
Case No.: 2025-0023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to J.C. Crews, on the 13th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL, DECEASED.
Case No.: PR-2024-038

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

To: DAISY LYNN FINTON
ANY AND ALL OTHER HEIRS OF MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL
Please take note a Petition for Final Settlement of the ESTATE OF MILDRED VIRGINIA HALL having been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given by publication that a hearing has been set for the 2nd day of April, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., at Coffee County Courthouse located at 101 South Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330. All persons having interest in this matter must appear at said time and place if not otherwise notified.
Attorney for Petitioner: H. SAMUEL PRIM, III
Done this 19th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Coffee County Judge of Probate
2/27,3/6&13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLARENCE LOGAN, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR 2025-038

TAKE NOTICE that Letters

Testamentary having been granted to Molly Jones, as Personal Representative of the Estate of William Clarence Logan, deceased, on the 26th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN G. HARRISON DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-037

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Helen G. Harrison, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ John P. Redmon
John P. Redmon
Personal Representative of said Estate
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE KRANTZ, DECEASED.
Case No. PR-2025-041

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of March, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Dale County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
Attorney for Ronald Eugene Krantz
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the Matter of the Estate of DERRY DARNELL SHAMBLEY, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-027

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Derry Darnell Shambley having been granted to Derry Dexter Shambley, Personal Representative, on the 3rd day of March, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 3rd of March, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Helen Wright, Deceased
Case No. 25-0031

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Ritchie C. Blackwood, Personal Representative, on the 26th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY

IN RE: The Estate of Joe L. Stacy, Deceased
Case No. 25-0002

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Anita Monique East, Executor (Personal Representative), on the 27th day of February, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

IN THE PROBATE COURT

CASE NO. 25-0028

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Johnny D. Graham, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the Judge of Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Respectfully Submitted on this the 19th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Mercedes Guerrero
Mercedes Guerrero
Personal Representative of said Estate

Jeffrey T. Gray
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 224
Geneva, Alabama 36340
(334) 248-6666
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT DELL HOWARD, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2025-014

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of February 2025 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 25th day of February 2025.
/s/ Valerie Ann H. McGuire
Personal Representative
/s/ Matt Brunson
Attorney for Estate
3/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES K. JONES, DECEASED,

CHARLES E. JONES, PETITIONER.
CASE NO. 25-0032

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of February, 2025, by Toby Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Charles E. Jones
Charles E. Jones, Administrator of the Estate of Charles K. Jones, deceased.

/s/ Michael P. Lasseter
Michael P. Lasseter
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Geneva, Alabama 36340
334-684-6406
Email – mikelasseter@centurytel.net
3/13,20&27-pd

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated July 2, 2003, executed by Deana J. Pierce, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp., which mortgage was recorded on July 7, 2003, in OFFREC Book 231, Page 242, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and which mortgage was duly transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Coffee County Courthouse at Enterprise, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on February 26, 2025, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK C, FIRST ADDITION TO WILLOW BEND SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 63, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some

persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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Shine Bright!

We Love You!
Momma, Daddy,
Em & Braden

Elison Eldridge, Junior Miss Elba contestant

2025 Miss Elba Pageants

2025 Miss Elba Pageants

Let Your Little Light Shine, Byrd!

We Love You!
Momma, Daddy,
Sissy & Nana

Byrdie Forbes, Future Little Miss Elba contestant

2025 Miss Elba Pageants

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Good Luck from Your Biggest Fans!

Love,
Austin, Stryker,
Creed and Memphis

Perry-Kate McCord, Young Miss Elba contestant

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Smile Big & Have Fun, Bella!

Love Always,
Nona

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Good Luck to Our Best Girl!

Love,
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Shine Bright, Sweet Girl!

Love Always,
Mom, Kyle
and Meri Drue

Harper Collins Hall, Petite Miss Elba contestant

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Good Luck!

We Know You Will Do Great!
Love,
Mama & Will

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2025 Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday

The 2025 Miss Elba Pageants will be held Saturday, March 15, beginning at 5 p.m. from the Elba High School auditorium. Queens will be crowned in six categories to include: Future Little Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Petite Miss Elba, Young Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba, and Miss Elba.



Byrdie Forbes
Future Little Miss Elba contestant



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Future Little Miss Elba contestant



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Future Little Miss Elba contestant



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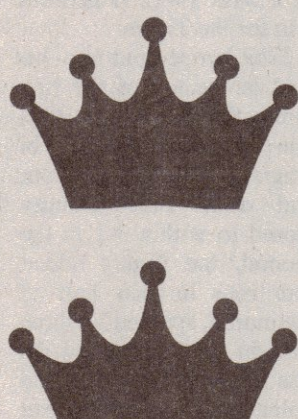
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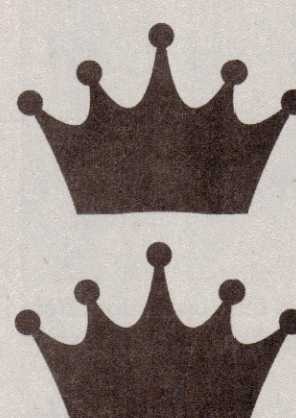
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Colins Hall
Petite Miss Elba contestant



Kayleigh Smith
Petite Miss Elba contestant



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Young Miss Elba contestant



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Olivia Grantham
Young Miss Elba contestant



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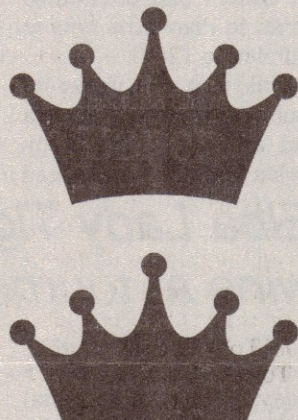
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Junior Miss Elba contestant



Kayden Moseley
Junior Miss Elba contestant



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Keele Moseley
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Shine Bright, Kayden!

We Love You!
The Banes

Kayden Moseley, Junior Miss Elba contestant

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Good Luck, Bella!

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Good Luck, Olivia!

We Love You!
Mom, Dad,
Dalton & Colin

Olivia Grantham, Young Miss Elba contestant

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Good Luck, KK!

We Love You!
Mom and Dad

Kayleigh Smith, Petite Miss Elba contestant

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took our daughter Melissa out to eat for her birthday and it was fun to see our number one grandson Lawson continue his growth as a connoisseur of fine foods as this time he ordered 'surf and turf,' and wanted his steak medium well. I still remember when all he ate was macaroni and cheese, and then moved up to chicken fingers and fries. I wonder what will be on the menu next year?

For what it is worth....

*** *It was another busy week* on the baseball and softball fields for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers as both teams picked up big wins in early-season action. The Tigers did get no-hit in a loss to Zion Chapel, but outscored Pike County in what had to be one of the longest seven inning games ever played in the state. Elba won the marathon 19-12 and scored almost at will thanks to twenty walks and eight hit batters, but returned the favor and handed Pike County ten walks and hit eight Bulldog batters. I will admit I left before the game got wild, and will also admit I am glad I did since the game lasted far beyond my bed time. The Lady Tigers picked up two wins to go along with two losses at a tournament in Geneva and hopefully gave their fans a preview of things to come with a win over area-foe Brantley in a game in which the Elba girls ripped three doubles and two home-runs. The fact Elba failed to get a hit in both tournament losses wasn't good, but if the Lady Tigers will find a happy medium look for the wins to pile up.

*** *It was a busy week all across the area* in spring sports and the picture is beginning to come a little more into focus. In baseball, New Brockton took charge on the field with big wins over 1A power Florala and 4A power Geneva, and appears to have things under control, while Kinston picked up a series win over McKenzie and will be a team to reckon with, Zion Chapel continued to show signs of developing into a 2A power, and Brantley finally took the field and won, as expected. Over on the softball field, Kinston kept on winning and has to be one of the best in the state in 1A circles, while Brantley continued to get things figured out and is close to settling on what will no doubt be a winning roster, Zion Chapel won three games at a tournament in Geneva and may just be better than expected after losing four seniors to the junior college ranks, and New Brockton is working hard and will be just fine before area play gets serious.

*** *High school basketball coaches* from across the state have united in an attempt to get the AHSAA to rework its playoff system, insisting that the state's best teams should meet at the Final Four, in Birmingham, not in area or region play. The change will include a ranking system based upon a 'Ratings Percentage Index' based on wins and losses, strength of schedule and other factors. The new plan also includes doing away with area tournaments and moving into districts, which would separate the top teams in an attempt to allow them to move on and not meet before reaching Birmingham. I will admit that locally it did seem a little unfair that Georgiana and Brantley were in the same area, as were Florala and Pleasant Home. However, unless you get Elon Musk and his computer gurus to work out a plan, I have my doubts about how any changes will need to be made every time one of the state's so-called top teams get upset along the tournament trail. Personally, I think the mentality of 'loser leaves the court' more times than not will get the best teams at the same location.

*** *In closing....* While the seemingly never-ending expansion and realignment of college sports has been a constant subject for sports fans for years, many now believe that the next move in college sports will be for conferences to actually get rid of lesser-performing schools before the next TV contracts in an attempt to make and share more revenue. Many schools don't really like the fact all schools in a conference get the same cut, such as in the SEC where Vanderbilt gets the same size check as do Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas. When you add the fact the colleges are facing a \$200 million court settlement, an additional \$2 million fund for former athletes that played before the days of NIL, and the fact that the number of scholarships offered will go up in all sports, it is easy to see the schools may really need more money to keep all their fans happy with their results. In the SEC, conference officials passed out checks for over \$74 million a year ago, even though some teams carried little value to the TV market, and it isn't hard to figure out that the fewer teams that get checks mean the bigger the checks will be for the teams left in the mix. The SEC and Big 10 and the two major conferences in the nation and both will soon renegotiate TV contracts. Since the smaller and less successful schools won't help bring in any additional TV money, many feel the conferences could be more valuable with fewer teams. In the SEC I could agree with giving the boot to Vandy, Mississippi State, Missouri and maybe South Carolina, while in the Big 10 the names most heard are Northwestern, Rutgers and Purdue. It is all about the money in the billion-dollar world of college sports, and while it may be a few years coming, look for the changes to come and the conferences to continue to evolve at an almost non-stop pace.

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In four hour marathon

Tigers outlast Pike County 19-12

The Elba Tigers and Pike County Bulldogs tied up last Thursday night in a four-hour marathon that included a total of 12 hits, 30 bases on balls, 16 hit batters, 29 runners left on base and 11 pitchers that threw a total of 390 pitches in a wild 19-12 homefield win for the Tigers.

Elba jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning thanks to four walks, one hit batter and an rbi single by Earl Tolentino, and after Pike County closed to within 3-1 in the second, the Tigers added four runs in their half of the inning, sparked by three straight hit batters and rbi hits by Hakeem Scott and Tolentino, to push their lead to 7-1.

Two walks and a hit batter allowed Elba to up its lead to 8-1 in the third, and the Tigers broke loose for four more runs in the bottom of the fourth as they used base hits by Scott and Johnathan Edwards with two walks and a hit batter to open up a big 12-1 lead.

Elba was only three outs from ending the game due to the ten-run rule. However, the Tigers let the Bulldogs get back in the game in the top of the fifth as they combined one hit with five walks, two hit batters and three Elba errors to plate nine runs to pull within 12-10.

Elba took advantage of four walks, two hit batters and a two-run double by Dylan Holley to up its lead

Elba Lady Tigers post two wins at tourney in Geneva

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in Geneva's Addyson Martin Memorial Softball Tournament last weekend and posted a 2-2 record to place in a tie for third in the 10-team event.

The Lady Tigers opened pool play with an exciting 8-6 win over New Brockton. Elba opened up a 6-2 lead in the third inning and appeared ready to roll, but the Lady Gamecocks battled back and it took a late two-run homer by the Lady Tigers Ana Caldwell to seal the deal on the win. Kaleigh Russell had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Ayrika Caldwell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Ana Caldwell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; A'Lyric Whitfield added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Mary O'Neal added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Hillary Hudson added 1 hit and 1 rbi. O'Neal pitched four innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits and two walks. Ella Kate Bowers had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead New Brockton, while MacKenzie Jones added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Aubrie DeLoach added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Ariana Smith added 1 hit. Zaniyah Mitchell and Gabby Eubanks combined to pitch four innings and allowed seven earned runs on 10 hits and two walks.

The Lady Tigers tangled with Geneva in game two in pool play and failed to get on the scoreboard in a 7-0 loss. Mary O'Neal drew a walk and was the only Elba batter to reach base, while Ayrika Caldwell pitched five

to 18-10 in the bottom of the fifth, and this time didn't lose command as the Tigers held on to claim the wild 19-12 win.

Earl Tolentino had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Jay Wilson added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, Hakeem Scott added 2 hits and 1 rbi, Dylan Holley added 1 hit and 5 rbi's, Johnathan Edwards added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Jaden Baker scored 4 runs, and Brady Johnson and Powell Bane both scored 3 runs. Five Elba pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits, ten walks, eight hit batters and threw eight wild pitches.

(JV Game)

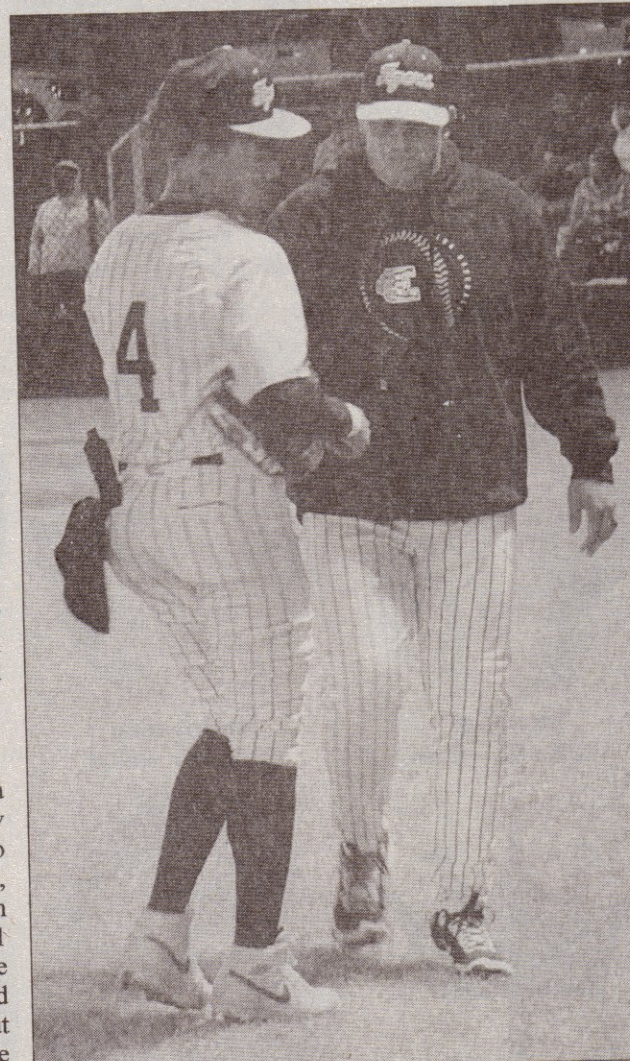
The Elba Tigers let a much-needed win slip away in a 6-1 homefield loss to the Pike County Bulldogs, last Thursday afternoon, in Elba. Elba trailed only 2-1 going into the bottom of the second inning and loaded the bases with no outs, but failed to push across the tying run, and then watched Pike County plate five runs in the third inning to hand the Tigers the 6-1 loss.

Garrett Hill and Brayson Coppage both had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Colin Grantham scored the lone Tiger run. Macon Hughes and Jack Harbin combined to pitch three innings and allowed four earned runs on one hit and 11 walks.

innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and four walks, while striking out eight.

The Lady Tigers began elimination play and batter Brantley pitching with three doubles and two home-runs in an exciting 9-6 win. Elba raced out to an 8-0 lead in the top of the second inning and held off a late Lady Bulldog rally to advance into the semifinals. Ana Caldwell had a double and a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Lady Stinson hit a three-run homer in the first inning, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Ayrika Caldwell and Mary O'Neal both added a double, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. O'Neal pitched three innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits and four walks. Marley Kilcrease had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Collins Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Savannah Nichols added 1 hit; and, Lynley Taylor added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Three Brantley pitchers combined to pitch three innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits and three walks.

The Lady Tigers battled G.W. Long in semifinal action and after pulling even at 1-1 in the top of the second inning watched as the Lady Rebels pulled away to hand Elba a 12-1 defeat. Hillary Hudson walked and later scored to lead Elba at the plate as the Lady Tigers failed to get a hit, while Jadya Caldwell pitched three and two-thirds innings and allowed 12 earned runs on 11 hits and five walks.



Elba Tiger Jaden Baker (4) gets final instructions from Coach Jesse Luker before taking the field in last week's win over Pike County.

Elba ambushed by Rebels

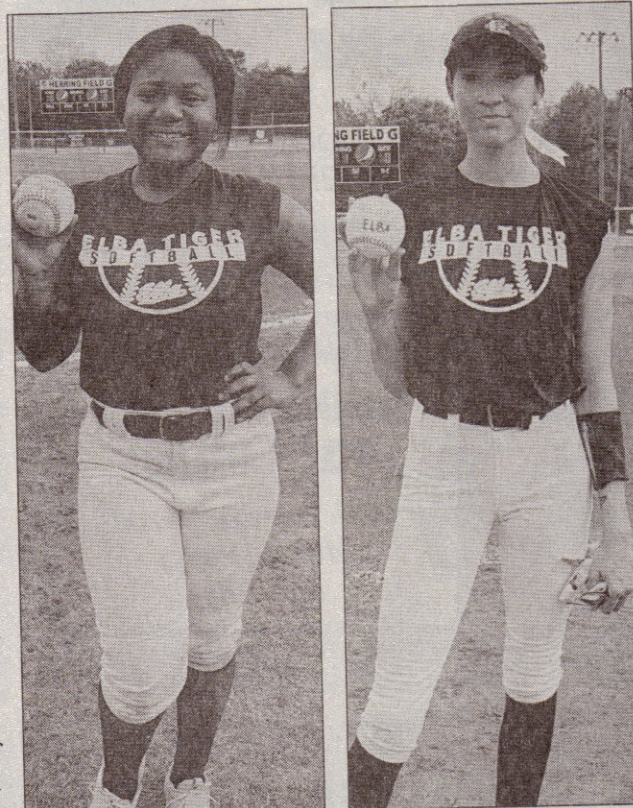
The Elba Tigers hosted the Zion Chapel Rebels Friday in a cross-county clash and managed only one hit in a 13-0 five-inning homefield loss.

Brady Johnson had 1 hit and drew a walk to lead Elba at the plate, while Johnson, Dylan Holley and Jay Wilson combined to pitch five innings and allowed eight earned runs on seven hits and seven walks.

Zion Chapel, which scored in every inning, was led at the plate by Weston Watson with 3 hits and 4 rbi's, while Brodie Stinson added 2 hits, scored 4 runs and had 3 rbi's; Joseph LeGear added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, John Foster Hamm added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Dylan Davis pitched a complete game one-hit shutout with 14 strikeouts.

(JV Baseball)

The Elba Tigers owned a



BIG BOPPERS... Elba Lady Tigers Lady Stinson (left) and Ana Caldwell (right) left the park with home-runs in last week's tournament in Geneva, with Caldwell hitting two homers.

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The Area High School SCOREBOOK By, GameChanger

VARSITY BASEBALL:

Kinston 5 McKenzie 3 – The Bulldogs rallied from an early 2-1 deficit to post an exciting 5-3 win over McKenzie. Jon Simmons had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Easton Parker and Brant McCollough both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Evan Hilburn added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Simmons and Drew Branch combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits and six walks, while striking out nine.

Zion Chapel 10 Geneva County 0 – The Rebels scored six runs in the fourth inning to break a scoreless tie and never looked back to down Geneva County 10-0. Brodie Stinson had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Brady Flowers added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Wes Watson added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Dylan Davis added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. John Foster Hamm pitched a six inning shutout on two hits, with six strikeouts.

New Brockton 8 Florala 2 – The Gamecocks used a 3-run third inning outburst to break a 2-2 tie and rolled to an 8-2 win over Florala. Judd Thomas had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Gavin Hand added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Hayden Pope added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Jacob Fisher added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. James Downing, Griffin Wood and Kylan Radcliffe combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and four walks.

McKenzie 6 Kinston 5 – The Bulldogs rallied from a 4-1 fifth inning deficit only to fall late 6-5 to McKenzie. Jon Simmons had 1 hit and 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Judd Green added 1 hit and 1 rbi, JD Hart added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Drew Branch added 1 hit. Four Bulldog pitchers pitched seven innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits and seven walks.

Kinston 12 McKenzie 8 – The Bulldogs used a 9-run fifth inning to erase a 5-2 deficit and never looked back to defeat McKenzie 12-8. JD Hart had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Judd Green added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Drew Branch added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jon Simmons added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Hart, Easton Parker and Brant McCollough combined to pitch seven innings and allowed six earned runs on six hits and five walks.

New Brockton 6 Geneva 0 – The Gamecocks pulled ahead early and never looked back to post an impressive 6-0 win over Geneva. James Downing had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Hayden Pope added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Judd Thomas added 2 hits and 2 rbi's; and, Jacob Fisher added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Fisher and Kylan Radcliffe combined to pitch a seven inning shutout and allowed five hits, with nine strikeouts.

Brantley 18 Goshen 2 – The Bulldogs jumped ahead 5-0 in the first inning and added 13 runs in the second to blast Goshen 18-2. Reese Odom had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Cooper Layton added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Tyler Carter added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Jon Harper Kilcrease added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Layton pitched two innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits and three walks.

JV BASEBALL:

Kinston 3 Zion Chapel 1 – The Bulldogs pulled ahead late and held on to defeat the Zion Chapel Rebels 3-1. Evan Hilburn had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Easton Parker added 1 hit and scored 1 run, while Parker and Hilburn combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and two walks. Dawson Smith had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels, while Grady Meeks added 1 hit and 1 rbi and Colt Jones added 1 hit. Meeks pitched three and one-third innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits and two walks.

New Brockton 8 Opp 5 – The Gamecocks jumped ahead

6-0 early and held on late to defeat Opp 8-5, in middle school action. Grady Hamilton had 2 hits and 3 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Elijah Tredinnick and Caleb Shipp both added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Micah Davis added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Cole Danford pitched five innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits and three walks.

Zion Chapel 6 Kinston 0 – The Rebels grabbed an early lead and rolled to a dominating 6-0 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Grady Hamilton had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Trent Elrod added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Brody Sheets scored 2 runs. Axton Sanders and Elrod combined to pitch a four-inning no-hitter and struck out four. Kollier Thomas drew two walks and Jonah Burnett drew one walk to lead Kinston, while four Bulldog pitchers combined to pitch three and two-third innings and allowed four earned runs on two hits and eight walks.

Opp 8 New Brockton 1 – The Gamecocks fell behind 5-0 in the first inning and never recovered in an 8-1 loss to Opp. Micah Davis has 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Brayden Fomby and Davis combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits, while striking out 13.

Kinston 13 McKenzie 4 – The Bulldogs pulled ahead 12-0 in the second inning and cruised to a big 13-4 win over McKenzie. Cam McKinney had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Sam Free and Ryan Blair added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi, and Parker Weeks added 2 hits and scored 1 run. McKinney, Weeks and Mav Owen combined to pitch four innings and allowed two earned runs on one hit, with five strikeouts.

New Brockton 9 Carroll 6 – The Gamecocks used an 8-run second inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat Carroll 9-6. Griffin Wood had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while William Adkison added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Cooper Medley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Colt Mercer added 1 hit. Brayden Fomby, Colt Mercer and Peyton Collins combined to pitch four innings and allowed six earned runs on four hits and six walks, while striking out eight.

New Brockton 13 Carroll 4 – The Gamecocks used an 11-run second inning to take command in a 13-4 romp past Carroll. Hunter Massey had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Landon Waller added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Griffin Wood, Conner Leuci and Payton Collins all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Brayden Fomby, Kylan Radcliffe and Colton Starling combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, while striking out nine.

Ariton 3 Brantley 0 – The Bulldogs failed to get a hit in a 3-0 loss to Ariton. Porter Beasley drew two walks and Briar Morris had 1 walk and 1 stole base to lead Brantley, while Asa Blackmon and Beasley combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on three hits and three walks.

Goshen 4 Zion Chapel 2 – The Rebels battled to an early 2-2 tie, but couldn't hold on and lost to Goshen 4-2. Grady Hamilton had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Dawson Smith added 1 hit and Jacob Smith scored 1 run. James Day and Axton Sanders combined to pitch four innings and allowed one earned run on two hits and five walks.

Goshen 7 Zion Chapel 5 – The Rebels fell behind 7-2 early and saw a late rally fall short in a 7-5 loss to Goshen. Jacob Smith had 1 hit and 3 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Brody Sheets added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Grady Hamilton added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Wyatt Spiegner added 1 hit. Austin Sellers pitched five innings and allowed six earned runs, while striking out nine.

Brantley 9 Ariton 4 – The Bulldogs erased an early 2-0 lead in a solid 9-4 win over Ariton. Asa Blackmon had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Greyson Goodwin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Colton Seecy added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Porter Beasley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Blackmon pitched four innings and allowed four earned runs on 12 hits and four walks.

New Brockton 2 Geneva 0 – The Gamecocks scored 2 runs in the first inning and made it hold up in a 2-0 win over Geneva. Colt Mercer had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Hayden Brock and Cooper Medley both scored 1 run, and Griffin Wood had 1 rbi. Mercer and Peyton Collins combined to pitch a five-inning one-hit shutout with eight strikeouts.

New Brockton 9 Kinston 1 – The Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late in a 9-1 win over Kinston. Micah Davis had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Brayden Fomby added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Logan Salter added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Caleb Shipp added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Davis pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, with nine strikeouts. Cam McKinney had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Parker Weeks added 1 hit, and four Rebel pitchers pitched four innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits and three walks.

Kinston 12 New Brockton 4 – The Bulldogs lad all the way to post an impressive 12-4 win over New Brockton. Cam McKinney had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Parker Weeks added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, Mav Owen added 2 hits and 1 rbi, and, Jackson Cowen added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Evan Hilburn and McKinney combined to pitch four innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, while striking out seven. Micah Davis had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Caleb Shipp and Grady Hamilton both added 1 hit. Cole Danford and Brantley Thomas combined to pitch three innings and allowed five earned runs on 13 hits.



Kinston Bulldog first-baseman Mav Owen keeps a Zion Chapel runner close to the bag in junior varsity action.

(Photo by Amanda Clark)



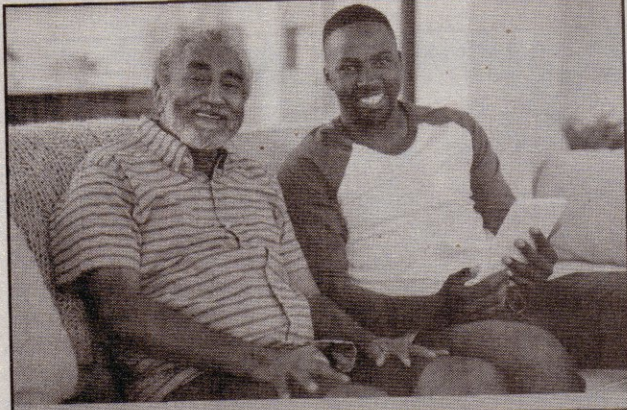
OUT AT SECOND.... A New Brockton Gamecock shows emotion after tagging a Geneva runner out at second in last week's impressive 6-0 win.

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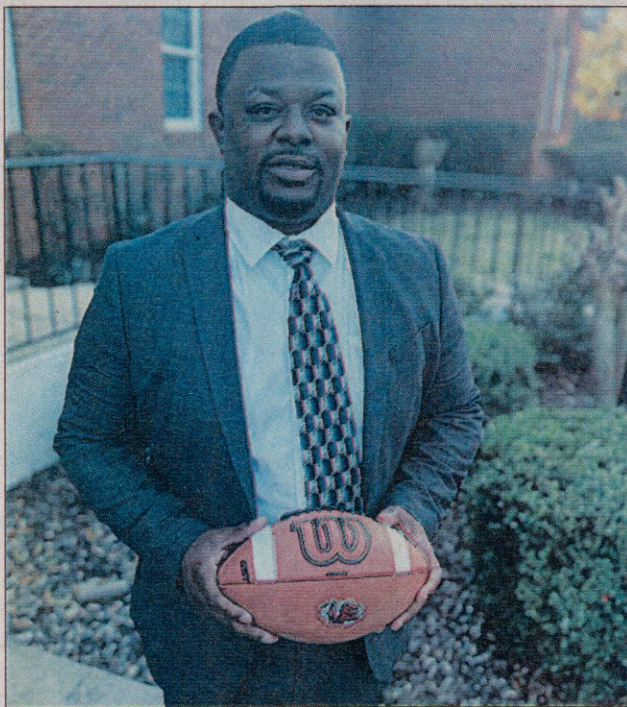
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SPORTS NEWS



REGINALD MELTON - Was named the new head football coach at New Brockton High School last week. Melton was the head coach at Headland the past three seasons.

Melton to lead Gamecocks

The New Brockton Gamecocks will enter their 51st season of football in 2025 under the guidance of their 16th head coach after the Coffee County Board of Education announced last week that Reginald Melton had been picked for the position.

Melton, the head coach at Headland High School the past three years, replaces Jason Barnett, who led the Gamecocks to a 7-13 record the past two seasons.

"I want to thank Ms. Cobb, Mr. Barkley and Mr. Bowers for this opportunity and I am excited to be here in New Brockton," stated Coach Melton. "New Brockton is small town that has fallen on hard times recently and I am definitely up for the challenge. I am grateful for the opportunity I have received to come in here and work with these young athletes and help

them develop into young men and win some football games along the way."

Melton led Headland to a 21-17 record in his three years at the helm, and last season led the 5A rams to a 5-5 record. In 2023, Coach Melton guided Headland to a 10-3 record and a third round appearance in the state playoffs.

Melton was a standout high school football player at Ashford High School, rushing for 4,489 yards during his career, and played collegiately at Carson-Newman. He began coaching as an assistant at Houston County High School for five years, headed back home to Ashford for one season and then went back to Houston County for two more years before joining the staff at Headland, where he was promoted to head coach during the season.



ZION CHAPEL LADY REBELS - Won three games Saturday in elimination play to finish second in a softball tournament in Geneva.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Baseball:

Elba at Red Level V 4:30
Zion Chapel at Ariton V 5:00

New Brockton at Brantley V 4:30

Softball:

Goshen at Zion Chapel JV-V 4:30

Brantley at Ariton JV-V 4:30

New Brockton at Opp JV-V 4:30

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Baseball:

Red Level at Elba V DH 4:30

Kinston at Samson V 4:30

Ariton at New Brockton V 5:00

Brantley at Geneva County V 4:30

Softball:

McKenzie at Elba V DH 4:30

New Brockton JV, at Dothan Tourney

Vs. Geneva County 5:30

Vs. Rehobeth 7:00

Kinston JV, at Dothan Tourney

Vs. Dothan 8:30

Kinston V, at Dothan Tourney

Vs. Providence Christian 5:30

Vs. Spanish Fort 7:00

Soccer:

New Brockton at Tallassee B/G 5:30

Track:

Elba at Red Level B/G 4:00

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Baseball:

Kinston at Zion Chapel V 1:00

Brantley at Highland Home

JV DH 10:00

Softball:

Kinston, at Dothan JV-V Tourney

New Brockton, at Dothan JV Tourney

MONDAY MARCH 17

Baseball:

Elba at Zion Chapel JV-V 4:30

Highland Home at Kinston JV 4:30

New Brockton at Carroll JV-V 4:30

Samson at NewBrockton MD 5:00

Brantley at Straughn V 4:30

Softball:

Kinston at Opp JV-V 4:30

Red Level at Brantley V 4:30

Soccer:

Geneva at New Brockton B/G 5:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Baseball:

Kinston at Pleasant Home V 4:30

New Brockton at Northside Methodist JV 4:30

McKenzie at Brantley JV DH 4:00

Softball:

Elba at Geneva County V 5:00

Floral at Kinston JV-V 4:30

New Brockton at Ashford V 4:30

Georgiana at Brantley V 4:00

Soccer:

New Brockton at Carroll G 7:15

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Golf:

At, Elba Country Club

The SCOREBOOK

By, GameChanger

VARSITY SOFTBALL:

Ashford 17 New Brockton 1 - The Lady Gamecocks fell behind 11-0 in the first inning and never recovered in a 17-1 loss to Ashford. Ella Kate Bowers had 2 hits to lead New Brockton, while Emily Grace Peeples added 1 hit and MacKenzie Jones scored 1 run. Jones and Bowers combined to pitch four innings and allowed 17 earned runs on 18 hits and four walks.

Brantley 10 Andalusia 5 - The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late in a 10-5 win over Andalusia. Marley Kilcrease had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Coco Stamps added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Savannah Nichols added 2 hits and 2 rbi's; and, Lynley Taylor added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Alex Grimes pitched seven innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits, while striking out 15.

Kinston 12 Ariton 1 - The Lady Bulldogs scored 10 runs in the final three innings to pull away and defeat Ariton 12-1. Madisyn Jones had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Allyx Williamson added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Aubrey Norris added three hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Camdyn Norris added two hits, including a home-run, and had 3 rbi's. Lauren Norris pitched seven innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, with 12 strikeouts.

Brantley 16 Georgiana 0 - The Lady Bulldogs scored all 16 runs in the first inning in a 16-0 win over Georgiana. Savannah Nichols had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Alex Grimes added 1 hit and 2 runs. Kilcrease pitched a three-inning no-hitter with four strikeouts.

Kinston 9 Pike Lib 2 - The Lady Bulldogs remained on a roll with a solid 9-2 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Maddie Williamson had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Allyx Williamson added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Brynne Kelley added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Lauren Norris added 2 hits, scored 1 n and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on seven hits and four walks, while striking out eight.

Geneva 15 New Brockton 0 - The Lady Gamecocks failed to get on the scoreboard in a 15-0 loss to Geneva. Ella Kate Bowers and Belle Bookout both had 1 hit to lead New Brockton, while MacKenzie Jones pitched three and one-third innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits md three walks.

Brantley 3 Luverne 0 - The Lady Bulldogs jumped ahead 2-0 in the first inning and never looked back in a 3-0 win over Luverne. Marley Kilcrease had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Savannah Nichols added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Alex Grimes added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Emma Crawley scored 1 run. Alex Grimes pitched seven innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, while striking out 14.

Kinston 15 Pleasant Home 1 - The Lady Bulldogs pulled out to an 11-0 lead in the fourth inning in a big 15-1 win over Pleasant Home. Maddie Williamson had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Allyx Williamson added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's; Aubrey Norris added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Camdyn Norris added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Lauren Norris pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, while striking out 13.

Brantley 5 Cottonwood 3 - The Lady Bulldogs rallied late to post an exciting 5-3 win over Cottonwood. Alex Grimes had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Kennedy Baggett added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Coco Stamps and Emma Crawley both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Grimes and Kilcrease combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on five hits and three walks, while striking out seven.

Headland 9 Zion Chapel 7 - The Lady Rebels rallied from a 7-0 third inning deficit, but saw their rally fall short in a 9-7 loss to Headland. Riley Bannin had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Shea Wambles added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Emily Rhodes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Hagen Sessions added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sydney Boothe pitched five innings and allowed eight earned runs on eight hits and four walks.

Geneva 15 New Brockton 0 - The Lady Gamecocks managed only two hits in a 15-0 loss to Geneva. Ella Kate Bowers and Belle Bookout both had 1 hit to lead Zion Chapel, while MacKenzie Jones pitched three and one-

third innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits and three walks.

Dale County 8 New Brockton 1 - The Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in an 8-1 loss to Dale County. Ella Kate Bowers had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while MacKenzie Jones added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Jones pitched four innings and allowed six earned runs on nine hits and three walks.

G.W. Long 7 Zion Chapel 1 - The Lady Rebels were tied at 1-1 in the fourth inning, but lost control late and suffered a 7-1 loss to G.W. Long. Sydney Boothe had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Hagen Sessions added 1 hit and Kaylee Hodge scored 1 run. Riley Bannin pitched four innings and allowed four earned runs on five hits.

Zion Chapel 4 Cottonwood 3 - The Lady Rebels' Riley Bannin hit a walk-off rbi single in the final inning to lift Zion Chapel to a thrilling 4-3 win over Cottonwood. Alyssa Forehand had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Aubrey Bassett added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Riley Bannin added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Kaylee Hodge added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits, with nine strikeouts.

Providence Christian 9 New Brockton 1 - The Lady Gamecocks fell behind 6-0 in the first inning and never recovered in a 9-1 loss to Providence Christian. Ella Kate Bowers had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Ariana Smith scored 1 run and Gabby Eubanks drew a base on balls. Bowers pitched three innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits and four walks.

Zion Chapel 6 Dale County 3 - The Lady Rebels used a 5-run fourth inning to take the lead and held on to defeat Dale County 6-3. Sydney Boothe had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Riley Bannin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Kaylee Hodge added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Landry Hataway added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Bannin pitched four innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, with seven strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 3 Headland 2 - The Lady Rebels pulled ahead 3-0 in the top of the third inning and turned back a late Headland threat to claim an impressive 3-2 win. Hagen Sessions had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Sydney Boothe had 2 hits, and Kaylee Hodge and Riley Bannin both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Boothe pitched five innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits.

G.W. Long 5 Zion Chapel 0 - The Lady Rebels close out a busy day on the field with a 5-0 loss to G.W. Long. Emily Rhodes, Kaylee Hodge, Shea Wambles and Riley Bannin all had 1 hit for Zion Chapel, while Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch four innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits, while striking out four.

JV SOFTBALL:

Kinston 9 Ariton 0 - The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back in a solid 9-0 win over Ariton. Kylee Jenkins had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Justi Creech added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Harper Morris added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Creech pitched a three-inning no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Kinston 5 Pike Lib 2 - The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead 5-0 in the third inning and never lost command in a 5-2 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Harper Morris had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Gracie Brown added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Adalyn Whigham, Justi Creech, Emma Miranda and Layla Carter all had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Adelyn Jarrell pitched five innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, while striking out six.

Kinston 12 Pleasant Home 0 - The Lady Bulldogs used a 7-run second inning to take command and rolled to a 12-0 win over Pleasant Home. Justi Creech had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Makayla Bond added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Emma Miranda added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Creech pitched a three-inning two-hitter with six strikeouts.

Brantley 9 Luverne 8 - The Lady Bulldogs used a 7-run second inning to overcome an early 7-0 deficit in a wild 9-8 win over Luverne. Sa Leah Johnson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Brynnleigh Worley and Adalida Latham both scored 2 runs. Latham pitched two innings and allowed two earned runs on one hit and three walks.

Ariton 10 Zion Chapel 7 - The Lady Rebels saw a 6-6 third inning tie slip away in a 10-7 loss to Ariton. Sarah Moseley had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Cally McWaters added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Addyson Townsend added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Emma Hutto and Alyssa Forehand both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. McWaters pitched three innings and allowed no earned runs on seven hits and three walks.

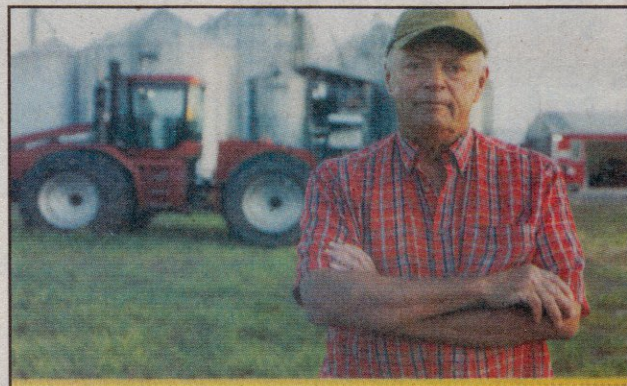
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